

CAMAC POWER SUPPLY MONITOR MODULE

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PURPOSE

Most of the CAMAC power supplies at Fermilab do not provide adequate monitoring of the output voltages. To correct this situation, a CAMAC module has been designed which accurately monitors the +6 and +24 power supply voltages in the CAMAC crate. The module provides a daisy chain alarm signal and status lights which indicate when any of the power supply voltages are outside a pre-established voltage range, normally +1%. Hence, insipient CAMAC power supply failure or overloading can be discovered and corrected before a significant amount of data is affected. The module also provides convenient front panel test points to directly monitor the CAMAC dataway D.C. power buses with a digital voltmeter. The CAMAC power supply monitor module is currently available from PREP.

GENERAL OPERATION

The single-width CAMAC monitor module obtains its power from the crate which it is monitoring. A general understanding of how the monitor module operates can be obtained from Figure 1. The input +24 and +6 voltage sources are used to generate a +5V nominal power source and a +2.5V nominal reference for use in

the module's monitor and internal test circuits. Similarly, the input -24 and -6 volt sources are used to develop a -5V power source and a -2.5 volt reference. The voltage conditioner circuits shown in Figure 1 operate in such a manner that the +5 and +2.5 voltages are available even if one of the positive input sources and one of the negative input sources fail completely. One monitor circuit is used to watch each of the four input source voltages. Each of the monitor circuits is essential identical. A typical monitor circuit has an input divider-circui which has a 0.000V output when the source voltage is exactly equal to its nominal value. If the source voltage changes by +1%, the divider output changes by +17.6mV correspondingly. A non-inverting amplifier, with a gain of 140 increases the divider output swing to +2.5V for a source change of +1%. A window comparator, with a threshold of +2.5V produces a T²L compatible low output signal whenever the source voltage exceeds +1% of its nominal value. A low comparator output drives a one-second re-triggerable one-shot which causes a status LED to light, indicating that the corresponding source voltage is "out-oftolerance". The one-shot circuit is connected in such a way that the LED remains on one second longer than the source voltage is out-of-tolerance. The output of the comparator is ANDed with the other three monitor circuit outputs to produce an opencollector output signal that indicates one of the crate voltages is "out-of-tolerance". The open collector output is for use as part of a daisy-chain alarm system. In addition to the four source monitors, there is a "power-off monitor", which insures that the open collector alarm signal is always correct, even

when the CAMAC crate is off. Typical operating ranges for the monitor circuits are given in the next section.

The CAMAC monitor module has an internal test circuit which allows all of the monitor circuits to be checked simultaneously. By means of a front panel switch, a plus and minus 1.2% error signal can be applied to all of the monitor circuits. Under these conditions, all of the status LED's should be "ON" indicating that a similar change in the source voltages would cause the monitor module to indicate an "out-of-tolerance" CAMAC power supply. (A 1.2% test signal is used to insure that the test circuit is useful over a wide range of operating conditions). As an additional diagnostic aid, the ±24 and ±6 volt source voltages are brought to monitor points on the front panel through lKM isolating resistors.

CIRCUIT PERFORMANCE AND FEATURES

In order for the monitor modules to operate without frequent adjustments, the reference voltages, monitor divider ratios and amplifiers, shown in Figure 2, must have adequate long term stability and low temperature coefficients. When all the critical components are considered, the worst condition change or error in the divider output signal for a 10°C change in temperature is 4.13%. Under these conditions, the monitor module would indicate a fault if a power supply output was at 1.00±.04% of its normal value.

Another factor to consider in the performance of the module is the power supply voltage ranges over which the LED and alarm output status are valid. Table I lists these ranges.

CONDITION	POWER SUPPLIES	RANGE	LED STATUS	ALARM STATUS
I	Any or all +24, +6, -6, -24	+20% of nominal	Correct	Correct
II	Both -24 and -6 or both +24 and +6	Greater than <u>+</u> 20% of nomina		Correct
III	A11	OV	Incorrect	Correct

Table I - Alarm and Status Conditions

To summarize the CAMAC monitor module, some important features and characteristics of the module are given below:

FEATURES*

- 1. Single-width CAMAC module construction.
- 2. Front panel power supply test points.
- 3. Front panel LED status lights to indicate which power supplies are out-of-tolerance.
- 4. Front panel test switch to check performance of module.
- 5. Front panel LEMO connector with open collector alarm signal suitable for daisy chain operation.

CHARACTERISTICS

1.	Power supply alarm trip settings	+1.0%V nom
2.	Power supply alarm trip setting tempco	4130 ppm/°C max
3.	Test circuit setting	± 1.2 %V nom typ.
4.	Power supply requirements +24, +6 -24, -6	160ma max 63ma max
5.	Open collector alarm output voltage current	30V max 150ma max
6.	Frequency response (Linear portion of circuit)	-3DB at 6KC

^{*}See Figure 3

7. Open collector alarm output response to ±2%V nom change about V nom

25µsec typ.

8. Operating ambient temperature range

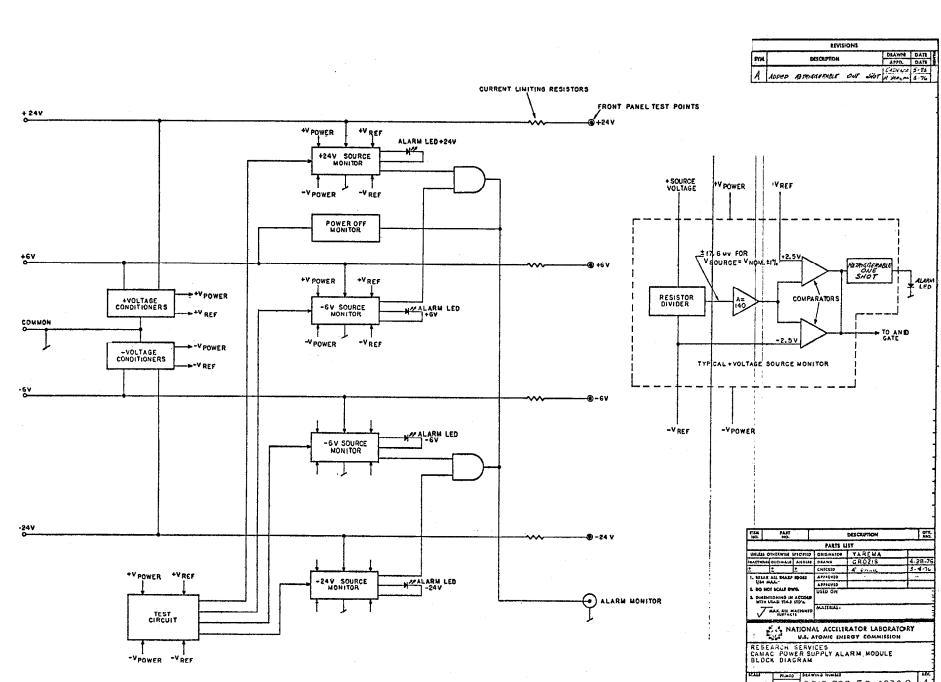
0 - 55°C

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FIGURES

- Research Services CAMAC Power Supply Alarm Module.
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- R.S.C.P.S.A.M. Schematic Drawing Number 0810.30-ED-46369,
 Rev. A.
- 3. R.S.C.P.S.A.M. Assembly Drawing Number 0810.700-MD-46394.



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